

UNITED STATES AND INTERSTATE COMMERCE
COMMISSION *v.* ALASKA STEAMSHIP COM-
PANY ET AL.

APPEAL FROM THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

No. 541. Argued December 16, 17, 1919.—Decided May 17, 1920.

This court will determine only matters actually in controversy essential to the decision of the particular case before it. P. 115.

In a suit in which the Interstate Commerce Commission was temporarily enjoined from requiring interstate and water carriers to use certain forms of bills of lading in domestic and export transportation, upon the ground that the Commission lacked power to prescribe them, *held*, that, since the Transportation Act of Feb'y. 28, 1920, passed pending the interlocutory appeal, contained provisions which would necessitate changes in both forms of bills, the case had become moot, and the court could not pass upon the Commission's authority, but would reverse the order of injunction, no longer needed to protect the complainants against the order of the Commission involved in the suit, without prejudice to the right to assail any such order adopted after the new legislation, and without costs to either party. *Id.*

259 Fed. Rep. 713, reversed.